

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A method for preventing or reducing plaque or plaque build-up in an individual comprising contacting all or a portion of the individual's oral cavity with a non-aqueous composition comprising a carboxyvinyl polymer, a humectant, a polyethylene glycol and about 0.25 to about 10% by weight bioactive glass particles having an average particle size of less than ~~about~~ 20 microns for a time effective to prevent or reduce plaque or plaque build-up.

Claim 2 (Original): The method of claim 1 wherein the contacting is continued for more than about 30 seconds.

Claim 3 (Original): The method of claim 1 wherein the contacting is continued for about 30 seconds to about 2 minutes.

Claim 4 (Original): The method of claim 1 wherein the carboxyvinyl polymer is a carbomer.

Claim 5 (Original): The method of claim 1 wherein the humectant is glycerin, sorbitol, propylene glycol or mixtures thereof.

Claim 6 (Original): The method of claim 1 wherein the non-aqueous composition further comprises a dentally acceptable abrasive.

Claim 7 (Original): The method of claim 6 wherein the dentally acceptable abrasive is a silica abrasive.

Claim 8 (Original): The method of claim 1 wherein the non-aqueous composition further comprises a thickening silica.

Claim 9 (Original): The method of claim 1 wherein the non-aqueous composition comprises about 2 to about 5% by weight bioactive glass particles.

Claim 10 (Currently amended): A method for preventing or reducing gingivitis in an individual comprising contacting the individual's oral cavity with a non-aqueous composition comprising a carboxyvinyl polymer, a humectant, a polyethylene glycol and about 0.25 to about 10% by weight bioactive glass particles having an average particle size of less than about 20 microns for a time effective to prevent or reduce gingivitis.

Claim 11 (Original): The method of claim 10 wherein the contacting is continued for more than about 30 seconds.

Claim 12 (Original): The method of claim 10 wherein the contacting is continued for about 30 seconds to about 2 minutes.

Claim 13 (Original): The method of claim 10 wherein the carboxyvinyl polymer is a carbomer.

Claim 14 (Original): The method of claim 10 wherein the humectant is glycerin, sorbitol, propylene glycol or mixtures thereof.

Claim 15 (Original): The method of claim 10 wherein the non-aqueous composition further comprises a dentally acceptable abrasive.

Claim 16 (Original): The method of claim 15 wherein the dentally acceptable abrasive is a silica abrasive.

Claim 17 (Original): The method of claim 10 wherein the non-aqueous composition further comprises a thickening silica.

Claim 18 (Original): The method of claim 10 wherein the non-aqueous composition comprises about 2 to about 5% by weight bioactive glass particles.

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